

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 689

By Garrett

A RESOLUTION to recognize Melissa Clark Gay on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Clark Gay is one such estimable person who has served with probity as president of the Sumner County Republican Women and is taking her well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gay has spent most of her life promoting the growth of the Tennessee Republican Party; she began volunteering at an early age in Knoxville with her mother, JoAnne Clark, as she campaigned for Bill Brock, Howard Baker, Winfield Dunn, and other local, State, and national Republican candidates, and she was proud to continue her volunteer work after her mother was chosen by Governor Winfield Dunn to manage the operation of his East Tennessee office; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Gay served as a congressional page and has attended several Republican National Conventions as a delegate, and she worked for the Tennessee Republican Party during Lamar Alexander's gubernatorial campaign in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gay served as chairman of the Robertson County Republican Party from 1980 until 1985, and upon moving to Sumner County, she immediately began working with the Sumner County Republican Party; her hard work and efforts have been fruitful as most of the State- and county-elected officials in Sumner County are Republicans; and

WHEREAS, a respected and trusted leader, Melissa Gay is the current president and past vice president of the Sumner County Republican Women, and she has served two four-year terms on the Republican State Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gay exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Melissa Gay is grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband of thirty-nine years, Dee David Gay, and their son, Nathan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and the Republican Party have been fortunate to enjoy the services of this devoted individual, and it is fitting that she be recognized for her stalwart contributions to this great State; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to honor and commend Melissa Gay for her many contributions to the people of Tennessee, her unwavering commitment to public service, and her astute leadership; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Melissa Clark Gay upon her retirement, thank her for her dedication and service to the Sumner County Republican Women and the Tennessee Republican Party, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.